(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with Bangladesh Government; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (d) Government of Assam has informed that three bomb blasts took place on 1st January 2009 in different parts of Guwahati City, resulting in death of 7 persons and injuries to 69 persons. In this connection three cases have been registered and are under investigation. Preliminary investigations have revealed involvement of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) militants in these incidents so far.

Although during investigations, involvement of Bangladesh nationals in these incidents have not come out so far, the use of Bangladesh territory by leaders of ULFA to carry out anti-Indian activities have been taken up with Bangladesh Government at various fora.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

342. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to stop illegal infiltration from Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government has any information that a good number of Bangladeshi citizen do not return to their native places after completion of the Visa period; and

(c) the details whether Government has any specific information about the number of illegal migrants those who are settled in various States of the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In order to check infiltration from Bangladesh, the Government of India has adopted a multi pronged approach including the following:-

(i) Construction of border fencing and roads and flood lighting.

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by Border Security Force which patrols both land and riverine stretches of border.

(iii) Setting up of 1185 border out posted along Indo-Bangladesh border of which 802 outposts have already been established.

(iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc.

(v) Upgradation of intelligence machinery.

(b) and (c) It is not possible to indicate the exact number of Bangladeshi immigrants who may have crossed over surreptitiously and settled in various states of the country. The number of Bangladeshi nationals who came on valid documents and who over stayed during the last three years are given below:-

Year	No. of Bangladeshi nationals visited India on valid documents	No. of Bangladeshi nationals who over stayed
2005	4,85,640	12,338
2006	4,84,401	24,497
2007	5,00,234	25,712

Foreign countries offering help after Mumbai attack

343. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the wake of terrorist attack since 26th November, 2008 in Mumbai, Government of several friendly countries offered help for combating the terrorists and, subsequently, in the ongoing investigations;

(b) if so, the details of the nature of help offered and identity of the countries offering the same; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the information made available by Interpol Wing of CBI, the help offered by some of the foreign countries like Italy, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Brunei and Egypt in the wake of terrorist attack on 26.11.2008 in Mumbai was general in nature and mostly related to enquiry about their nationals suspected to be trapped in the incident.

Protection of human rights of minorities

344. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism has been put in place for protection of human rights of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of violations of human rights of minorities received during the last two years and this year and action taken thereon;

(d) the details of suggestions received from different quarters in this regard; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and State Human Rights Commissions have been set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for the protection of human rights including that of minorities. However, to look into various problems of minorities as also facilitating their rights, National Commission for Minorities has also been set up.